

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 20, 2004 the Examiner passed claim 27 to allowance. The Examiner, however, also noted informalities which are cured by the amendments offered in the instant Response.

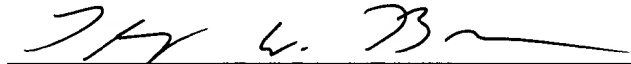
Specifically, the Applicants have amended the Abstract to include an embodiment of the present invention as claimed in allowed claim 27.

In addition, the Applicants identify claims 1 - 26 as "Cancelled". However, the Applicants note these claims were cancelled (during the instant prosecution) without prejudice to filing said cancelled claims (or claims similar thereto) in subsequently filed Continuation, Divisional, or Continuation-In-Part applications which claim priority to the instant application.

Finally, Applicants have inserted the priority claim (to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/119,359 filed on 02/09/99 as originally recited in the transmittal papers submitted with the application as filed) in a paragraph to be inserted on the first page of the specification.

The Applicants respectfully submit the instant application is in condition for allowance.

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